

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to eliminate the non-supported limitations highlighted in the Office Action at page 3.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to recite "increasing at said predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously".

Further, claims 1 and 9 have been amended to recite "continuing said predetermined speed of increase when one of said first and second command means is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found..." as illustrated in Fig. 3B and described at page 7 lines 4-20 of the present application.

Furthermore, the typographical error in claim 1 line 17 ("of") has been corrected, as required in the Office Action at paragraph 5. In addition, the preamble of claims 1 and 9 have been simplified.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the recited limitations of amended claims 1 and 9 are clearly supported in the specification and that amended claims 1 and 9 meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the

claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 9 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Five Times Amended) A control apparatus having a first command means to [increase] control at [a predetermined speed from] an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to [increase] control at [said predetermined speed from said] an initial speed a second parameter [when activated and responsive to the alternate activation of said first and second command means], said control apparatus comprising:

means for increasing at said predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first [command means] and [said] second command means is activated continuously;

means for judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means; and

means for [maintaining] continuing said predetermined speed of increase [of said second parameter equal to said first parameter] when one of said first and second command means [are alternately] is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found by said means for judging similarity and

for returning to said initial speed [of] when said similarity is not found.

--9. (Five Times Amended) A control method using a first command means to [increase] control at [a predetermined speed from] an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to [increase] control at [said predetermined speed from said] an initial speed a second parameter [when activated and responsive to the alternate activation of said first and second command means], said control method comprising the steps of:

increasing at said predetermined speed one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means; and

[maintaining] continuing said predetermined speed of increase [of said second parameter equal to said first parameter] when one of said first and second command means [are alternately] is deactivated while one of said first and second command means is activated and said similarity is found by said step of judging similarity and for returning to said initial speed when said similarity is not found.--